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FOR AID/DAA/EA ZIMMERLY: EA DEP ASST SECRETARY MILLER:
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LA

SUBJ: MILITARY RICE FOR LAOS

REF: A) VIENTIANE 4372

B) BANGKOK 11686

C) STATE 143350

D) BANGKOK 11478

E) STATE 145081

FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REF E.

A. MAP RICE STOCKS IN LAOS DO NOT EXIST. RICE IS
PURCHASED FROM THAILAND AND DELIVERED ON A MONTH-TO-
MONTH BASIS. NO RESERVE IS MAINTAINED. FINAL DELIVERIES
SHOULD BEGIN ON JUNE 25 FOR CONSUMPTION BEGINNING JULY 1.

B. MILITARY RICE IS SINGLE MOST VISIBLE ELEMENT
OF REMAINING U.S. SUPPORT. ITS CUTOFF, TOGETHER WITH
TERMINATION OF BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE,
INCLUDING THE PROBABLE END OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN
FEOF, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GENERATE BITTERNESS, BECAUSE
IT WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON PEOPLE AND BECAUSE
IT WILL BE VIEWED AS AMERICAN RETALIATION. THERE IS
ALREADY A SERIOUS RICE SHORTAGE AND UNLESS PRC DELIVERS
SUPPLIES MORE RAPIDLY THAN WE BELIEVE IT CAN, THERE
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WILL BE REAL HARDSHIPS. PGNU IS VERY MUCH AWARE OF

PROBLEM; IT HAS EVEN ASKED BRITISH AMBASSADOR IF U.K.
COULD HELP OUT. BECAUSE IT WILL HURT VERY DIRECTLY,
THIS CUTOFF WILL BE SEEN BY LAO OF ALL STRIPES, AS WELL
AS BY FOREIGN OBSERVERS, AS EVIDENCE OF A U.S. DESIRE
TO TEACH PATHET LAO A LESSON. IT WILL NOT HEIGHTEN
OUR REPUTATION; AND INDEED IT MAY INCREASE SYMPATHY
FOR GOVERNMENT. IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER, IF PL SO
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